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(X) Amendment B (pages 1-19)

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated 2/2/06.

Applicant respectfully requests that claim 21 be cancelled, and that claims 1, 7, 9-11, 19, 22 and 31-32 be amended.

Amendments to the claims are as follows.